

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

JUNE 1, 1858.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. BENJAMIN made the following

REPORT.

[To accompany Bill S. 327.]

*The Committee on Private Land Claims, to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 327, to affirm certain entries of land in the State of Louisiana, report :*

That the lands referred to in the bill were reserved for naval purposes by the President of the United States, in 1820. The live oak on the land has since been removed for the purposes of the government, and the fact of the reservation was forgotten, so that the land officers permitted the entry of and payment for the lands in question some fifteen or twenty years ago. These entries have been cancelled in the General Land Office in Washington, because illegally made ; but as the sole purpose of the government has been accomplished, the committee see no reason to disturb the present possessors, who hold in good faith under a purchase allowed by the proper officers of the government, and who have improved the lands on the faith of that possession. The committee, therefore, recommend the passage of the bill.

